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PERFORMANCE OF NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of NABARD in the rural financial market has been successful;

(b) if so, the details of transforming the informal financial market into formal financial market;

(c) whether the Government has chalked out some infrastructural improvements for NABARD and its branches in rural India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the developments made in the agricultural sector with the implementation of the NABARD Warehousing Scheme?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b):- Yes, Madam. The National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has been instrumental in transforming informal financial market into formal financial market, inter alia, through its various Financial Inclusion Programmes such as Self Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Programme, financing the Joint Liability Groups (JLGs), implementation of Prime Minister's Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) through Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Cooperative Banks etc.

(c) & (d) NABARD has informed that it has taken up the construction of Regional office Buildings at Dehradun, Jammu, Chandigarh, Kolkata, Raipur and Itanagar and Officers Quarter at Mohali and Itanagar. NABARD is also acquiring staff quarters at Ranchi and Raipur and has also acquired plots for construction of RO Buildings and staff quarters at Aizawl and Gangtok.

(e) During 2013-14, Government had established a dedicated Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF) with a corpus of Rs. 5000 crore, out of Priority Sector Lending (PSL) Shortfall by banks, with NABARD for financing construction of warehouses, godowns, silos and cold storage units etc. Under this Fund, loans for 3523 projects amounting to Rs. 5019 crore were sanctioned with a potential to create an additional scientific storage capacity of 9.81 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) in the country. Similarly, during 2014-15, Government allocated another Rs. 5000 crore, out of PSL shortfall, under which 2638 projects with loan component of Rs. 2619 crore have been sanctioned for creating additional scientific storage capacity of 3.74 MMT.